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In Re Application of:

Richard N. ELLSON et al.

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Serial No.: 09/751,231

Group Art Unit: 1639

Filing Date: December 29, 2000

Examiner: My Chau T. TRAN

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is an amendment in the above patent application in response to the Office Action of November 26, 2002.

- ☒ Also enclosed: Return Post Card.
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No. of Claims After Amendment			Most Claims Previously Paid		Extra Claims				Additional Fee
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B. Ind. Claims	4	-	4	=	0	x	\$84	=	0.00
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D. Total Amendment Fee (Total of A, B & C)								=	0.00
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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This is in response to an Office Action concerning the patent application identified above, mailed from the PTO on November 26, 2002. Reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraphs on the following sections of the specification, as indicated in Appendix A: page 3, lines 13-25; page 14, lines 7-19; page 17, line 22, to page 18, line 18; page 20, lines 1-12; and page 30, line 18, to page 31 line 6. The amended paragraphs read as follows:

PAGE 3, LINES 13-25

There are a number of patents that describe integrated devices containing both surface-bound chemical moieties and related information. *See, e.g.*, U.S. Patent Nos. 6,030,581 to Virtanen, 5,872,214 to Nova et al. and 5,935,785 to Reber et al. In addition, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/712,818, ("Integrated Device with Surface-Attached Molecular Moieties and Related Machine-Readable Information"), inventors Ellson, Foote and Mutz, filed on November 13, 2000 and assigned to Picoliter, Inc. (Sunnyvale, California), e.g., describes substrates having a surface adapted for attachment with a plurality of molecular moieties and